[0031] A pattern may be formed in asphalt surface 12, for example, according to the method of the Applicant described in United States Letters Patent No. 5,215,402 which is hereby incorporated by reference. More particularly, a template 20 is placed on asphalt surface 12 (Figures 1 and 2) while it is in a pliable state (i.e. after being freshly rolled with hot asphalt or after surface re-heating). Template 20 is then compressed into asphalt surface 12 with a drum roller [24] 21 or some other compaction apparatus to form pattern 22 therein. For example, pattern 22 may be an impression simulating the appearance of bricks and mortar or some other decorative appearance. Template 20 is then removed from surface 12 to expose pattern 22 (Figure 1). In alternative embodiments, pattern 22 could consist of protrusions rather than impressions formed in surface 12, or some other surface texturing. Other similar means for forming pattern 22 in asphalt surface 12 may be envisaged.

[0032] One means for heating sheets 14 *in situ* is shown in Figure 3 and is described in WO 03/048458 A1 which is hereby incorporated by reference. In this embodiment, a portable surface heating apparatus 26 is provided for heating asphalt surface 12 and sheets 14 placed thereon. Preferably asphalt surface should be dry before the heating procedure commences. In the illustrated embodiment apparatus 26 includes a support frame 28 and a plurality of infrared heaters 30 supported for movement on support frame 28. For example, support frame 28 may include elongated rails 30 which are supported above asphalt surface 12 by support legs 32 and housing 34. A heater truck 36 is provided for reciprocating movement on rails [30] 31. Truck 36 supports a bank of heaters 30 at positions close to surface 12 (e.g. approximately 2 inches above the ground).

[0033] As shown in Figures 4 and 5, after pre-formed thermoplastic sheet 14 is placed on asphalt surface 12 overlying pattern 22, infrared heaters 30 are reciprocated over sheet 14 to gradually melt the thermoplas-